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In the Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A foot treating apparatus comprising:

a basin adapted for accepting and containing bathing water and shaped and arranged to accommodate two human feet submerged within ~~[[said]]~~ the bathing water; ~~[[and]]~~

a footrest disposed out of the water; and

a steam generator adapted to accept and contain steamable water, to convert said steamable water into steam, and having vents disposed to direct said steam at one or both of the soles of those feet ~~[[.]]~~ while supported on said footrest.

Claim 2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising dry massage means disposed out of said bathing water and adapted to provide a therapeutic massage to the soles when the feet are removed from said bathing water.

Claim 3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a heater adapted for providing heat to warm the feet and to increase or maintain the temperature of said bathing water.

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Claim 4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising dry massage means disposed out of said bathing water and adapted to provide a therapeutic massage to the soles when the feet are removed from said bathing water.

Claim 5. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a vibrator adapted to impart a vibratory motion to said basin and said bathing water.

Claim 6. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a heater adapted for providing heat to warm the feet and to increase or maintain the temperature of said bathing water.

Claim 7. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising dry massage means disposed out of said bathing water and adapted to provide a therapeutic massage to the soles when the feet are removed from said bathing water.

Claim 8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an aerator adapted to inject air bubbles into said bathing water.

Claim 9. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a vibrator adapted to impart a vibratory motion to said basin and said bathing water.

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Claim 10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a heater adapted for providing heat to warm the feet and to increase or maintain the temperature of said bathing water.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising dry massage means disposed out of said bathing water and adapted to provide a therapeutic massage to the soles when the feet are removed from said bathing water.

Claim 12. (currently amended) A foot treating apparatus comprising:

a basin adapted for accepting and containing bathing water and shaped and arranged to accommodate two human feet within said bathing water;

a steam generator adapted to accept and contain steamable water, to convert said steamable water into steam, and to direct said steam through a steam vent disposed above said bathing water and at one or both of the soles of those feet when the feet are removed from said bathing water [] ;

dry massage means disposed out of said bathing water and adjacent said steam vent, and adapted to provide a therapeutic massage to the soles when the feet are removed from said bathing water; and

wherein said therapeutic massage to the soles and said directing of steam at the soles may be provided simultaneously.

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Claim 13. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a heater adapted for providing heat to warm the feet and to increase or maintain the temperature of said bathing water.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a vibrator adapted to impart a vibratory motion to said basin and said bathing water.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a heater adapted for providing heat to warm the feet and to increase or maintain the temperature of said bathing water.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising an aerator adapted to inject air bubbles into said bathing water.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a vibrator adapted to impart a vibratory motion to said basin and said bathing water.

Claim 18. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a heater adapted for providing heat to warm the feet and to increase or maintain the temperature of said bathing water.

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Claim 19. (previously presented) A foot treating apparatus of the type comprising a basin shaped water reservoir adapted for accepting and containing bathing water and shaped and arranged to accommodate two human feet, the improvement comprising:

a steam generator adapted to accept and contain steamable water, to convert said steamable water into steam, and to direct said steam through a steam vent disposed above said bathing water and at one or both of the soles of those feet when the feet are removed from said bathing water;

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dry massage means disposed out of said bathing water and adjacent said steam vent, and adapted to provide a therapeutic massage to the soles when the feet are removed from said bathing water; and

wherein said therapeutic massage to the soles and said directing of steam at the soles may be provided simultaneously.

Claim 20. (new) A foot treating apparatus comprising:

a basin adapted for accepting and containing bathing water and shaped and arranged to accommodate two human feet within said bathing water;

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a steam generator adapted to accept and contain steamable water, to convert said steamable water into steam, and to direct said steam at one or both of the soles of those feet; and

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dry massage means disposed out of said bathing water and adapted to provide a therapeutic massage to the soles when the feet are removed from said bathing water.

Claim 21. (new) A foot treating apparatus comprising:

a basin adapted for accepting and containing bathing water and shaped and arranged to accommodate two human feet within said bathing water;

a steam generator adapted to accept and contain steamable water, to convert said steamable water into steam, and to direct said steam at one or both of the soles of those feet; and

a vibrator adapted to impart a vibratory motion to said basin and said bathing water.